

Nondalton Sports New Eskimo Dancing Program

Village General Store

Nondalton, an Athabaskan Indian village, located on Lake Clark, 20 miles north of Iliamna has its own general store.

After nearly a year in the planning stage, the store, organized as a cooperative, started off with a bang on Feb. 9, ringing in \$1,600 in sales its first day.

Community Enterprise Development Corp. of Alaska (CEDC) coordinated and financed the village self-help grocery effort through a loan to the Nondalton Knichuk Cooperative for \$40,000.

A C46 and DC6 aircraft were used to transport 16,000 pounds of groceries and 12,000 pounds of building materials to Iliamna where they were ferried by snow machine and light aircraft to the village site.

Hand work and cooperation proved to be the cornerstone for villagers and government agencies alike. Nicholia Kershoff and Bill Trefon of Nondalton acted as foreman and chief electrician for the project.

Jerry Felton, Del Birmingham, Tom Craig and John Terrel, staff members of CEDC, assisted the village for two weeks in the remodeling and merchandising of the store.

The Bristol Bay Native Corp. and the Alaska Department of

Community and Regional Affairs also assisted the grocery co-operative; as well as State Rep. Hugh Malone who coordinated the purchasing of electrical power from the State-Operated School System.

The word "Knichuk" in Athabaskan means cheaper. This the co-op has done by reducing overall food prices by nearly 50 percent. Selection and cost were the prime reasons for opening the largest village grocery store in the Bristol Bay region.

So if you are ever in the area, stop in and shop, at the biggest little supermarket in Bristol Bay, the Nondalton Knichuk Co-op Store.

Grant to Help To Create Jobs

JUNEAU — Gov. William A. Egan said the Economic Development Administration has approved an \$11,700 grant to continue planning activities for economic growth to create jobs for Alaska Natives.

The Tanana Chiefs Conference, with offices at Fairbanks, will use the federal grant for continuation of a long-range program to attract industry and develop tourism facilities in Native villages.

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FAIRBANKS — We as Eskimos in Fairbanks are planning to set a first Eskimo dancing program in Alaskaland.

You who haven't seen dancer wearing a yellow loon beak on his head, feathers sticking out. It's good to watch a dancer wearing them.

Do come over and enjoy yourself.

WHALERS

Whalers in Barrow, Wainwright and Point Hope will be ready again this winter for whaling.

Now in Barrow, owners there are about to remodeling their canoes. Put new siding on the canoe — on the canoe with oograk skins.

If they all do go out in April, Eskimos will be facing wind and cold weather. They have to watch day and night, every hour waiting for whales to appear.

It took days sometimes without seeing whales, still whalers have to watch day by day. Eskimos don't give up easily.

Now according to Mr. Herbert Ahkvigak, Barrow resident, said today that the owners in Barrow are getting ready for next month whaling April.

TRAPPERS

Several white foxes have been caught by Barrow village trappers. The price on white fox

have come up too from \$25 and up.

It is good year this winter lots of caribous, foxes and fishes.

The person by the name of Mr. Nelson N. Ahvakana, Assistant Pastor of Barrow Presbyterian Church, said that the Arctic ice along the shore there are not like last winter rough all the way, hardly no smooth ice.

He said he hasn't even heard who does gets a polar bear in village. But hunters do gets lots of caribous. Caribous are not too far even only one day out from Barrow village.

VISITORS

There are several visitors from Lower States now in Fairbanks. Most of them are looking for jobs, especially on pipeline job. Even they can't find where to lodge.

Some said they won't mind in summer time, they could sleep in their cars but now, they can't. It's still too cold, very cold in night.

WOLVERINE SCARCE

It's very hard to find a wolverine or wolf as they don't have them here. Anyone who wishes to sell wolverines give a word to this address: Mr. Guy A. Okakok, Sr., Birch Park, Apt. 1-6, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

CARELESSNESS

One native here in Fairbanks told me yesterday that the money he gets was \$181.00 and

the very next day, when he count how much he spend for liquor he finds he has only \$16.25 left.

Now, he said, he has four kids to feed. Why, he said, he wants to be an alcoholic. I never did said a word as he was bad yet.

Suits Hundreds Of Miles Away

The Federal Trade Commission filed suit March 4, in Seattle to prevent businesses from taking persons to court hundreds of miles from their homes.

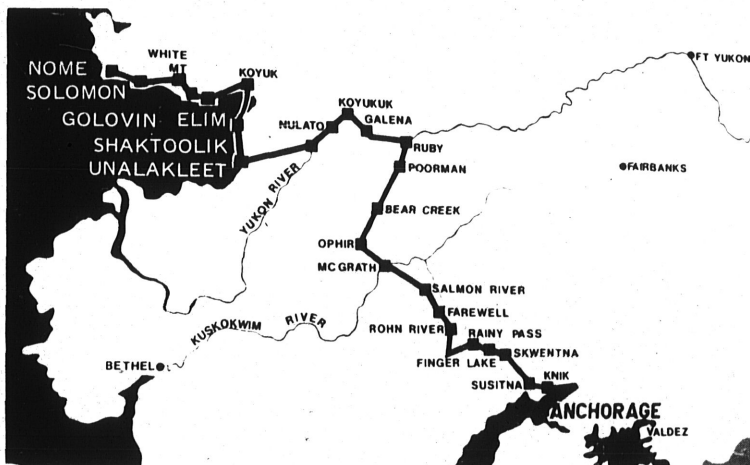
The use of distant courts, "effectively deprives defendants of a reasonable opportunity to approve, answer and defend," said William Erxelben, regional trade director.

The suit was primarily aimed at three national firms — Montgomery Ward, Spiegel, Inc., and West Coast Credit Corp. and a Seattle-based collection agency called Commercial Service Co., Inc.

Montgomery Ward, Erxelben said, often files default actions in Anchorage, 500 or more miles from villages in which the defendants live. The FTC mainly deals with deceptive trade practices, but Erxelben said the use of distant and inconvenient courts was unfair.

Iditarod Trail Race

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More than thirty daring mushers are racing on the historic Iditarod Trail from Anchorage to Nome. El Paso Alaska Company is proud to be a principal sponsor of the race. It's part of Alaska's heritage that is worth preserving.

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